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**From:** Baldi, Josh (ECY)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 12, 2012 12:04 PM  
**To:** 'Rides at the door, Roylene - NRCS, Spokane, WA'  
**Subject:** FW: Ecology initial response to NRCS on questions from their Nutrient Management Plan Rollout

Hey Roylene ~ hearing back chatter about your continued frustration with Ecology on the 590 process. Concerns may be dated, but if not wanted to touch base to get clarify.

My understanding remains what it was when we chatted and exchanged email at the Commission meeting in September (below). We have not yet seen the NRCS products to review and comment on. Sounds like we are all waiting on others for a couple key pieces, such as OSU's work on the Ph index.

If your understanding is different and/or you do have concerns, please let me know.

Different topic: We felt yesterday's meeting was good. I'm still wondering about the NMFS riparian guidance and how it might affect directors' talks (and other products in motion), so let me know if you have clarity on that piece as well. Thanks ~ jb

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From: Rides at the door, Roylene - NRCS, Spokane, WA [<mailto:roylene.rides-at-the-door@wa.usda.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2012 2:13 PM
To: Baldi, Josh (ECY)
Cc: Habets, Bonda - NRCS, Spokane, WA
Subject: Re: Ecology initial response to NRCS on questions from their Nutrient Management Plan Rollout

That the way I understand. Bonda is reviewing information. After concurrence from DOE, it is hoped at next STAC subcommittee meeting she will present whole package for 590 standard. Then hope to take to STAC for concurrence by November. Then roll out training and standard by the December deadline.

From: Baldi, Josh (ECY) [<mailto:JBAL461@ECY.WA.GOV>]
Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2012 03:59 PM
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Roylene ~ you briefly mentioned 590 in your comments earlier, so want to affirm status.

My understanding is NRCS will shortly provide Ecology with a few key products that will enable us to make a state water quality determination with regard to the proposed 590 practice. The products are noted below in this chain.

If this is not your understanding, please let me know so I can lend a hand and/or we can convene a meeting. Thanks ~ jb

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**From:** Gildersleeve, Melissa (ECY)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 14, 2012 12:34 PM  
**To:** Habets, Bonda - NRCS, Spokane, WA  
**Cc:** Baldi, Josh (ECY); Copeland, Sherre - NRCS, Olympia, WA  
**Subject:** RE: Ecology initial response to NRCS on questions from their Nutrient Management Plan Rollout

Bonda-hey just wanted to follow up make sure I understand. So you will be providing these items to Ron at the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting? Just trying to understand when we will get these documents. Also I expect some items around 590 might come up at the Conservation Commission meeting next week so I am copying Josh and Sherre on the status of our review. As I mentioned below, I did send our comments to tribal folks but I have not heard anything from them on whether they want a brief from the two agencies. Thanks and have a good weekend-Melissa

**From:** Habets, Bonda - NRCS, Spokane, WA [<mailto:Bonda.Habets@wa.usda.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2012 4:44 PM  
**To:** Gildersleeve, Melissa (ECY)  
**Subject:** RE: Ecology initial response to NRCS on questions from their Nutrient Management Plan Rollout

Melissa

We will be discussing these in our Sept 27 meeting. So I hope to get something to you

shortly after that. The meeting tomorrow is on biosolids and commercial fertilizer. Piece by piece. We do have the Yakima attending our STAC Subcommittee. We will be starting up a STAC Technical Riparian Buffer Subcommittee in October. That one will probably take a year.

**From:** Gildersleeve, Melissa (ECY) [<mailto:MGIL461@ECY.WA.GOV>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2012 2:07 PM

**To:** Habets, Bonda - NRCS, Spokane, WA

**Cc:** Chaney, Marty - NRCS, Olympia, WA; Thomas Eaton; Ford, Jaclyn (AGR); Shultz, Ron (SCC); Baldi, Josh (ECY); Cummings, Ron (ECY)

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All-Hey I did not hear any feedback about how to best engage the tribes. Do we want to do a joint NRCS/Ecology brief? Unless I hear otherwise then I will plan on sending this to NWIFC this week with an offer to brief them and then we can play by ear whether we do the brief jointly or not-

Also -Bonda any chance of getting an update or schedule for when you think we will be able to see these items? Thanks---Melissa

- Copy of the revised Phosphorus Index
- Copy of the proposed Nitrogen Leaching Index
- Setback requirement guidance
- Contour buffer requirements
- Phosphorus threshold development
- Proposed criteria for winter manure application
- Proposed phosphorus draw down strategy

**From:** Gildersleeve, Melissa (ECY)

**Sent:** Friday, August 17, 2012 1:26 PM

**To:** 'Habets, Bonda - NRCS, Spokane, WA'

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Bonda-Attached is our effort at responding to the questions you asked our agency in your Nutrient Management Rollout Plan. The meeting we had with you and Marty on July 23<sup>rd</sup> helped us understand this process a little more but we still have process questions which I laid out in our attached memo. Also we are still waiting for the additional information that is part of this practice that we discussed on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

I am copying the other agencies that are a part of the Director's Talks because this is related to that effort. I know you have been anxious to get these answers and realize this effort is very similar so thought it would be wise to share with everybody at the same time. Also we should probably talk about how to engage the tribes on this since it is central to many of the tribal treaty rights conversations that are occurring concurrently. My initial thought was to send a draft as an FYI-but maybe NRCS and Ecology should meet together with them, explain the process first? Not sure the best way to do this just think it is important to do. Any thoughts? Give a call if you have any questions or want to meet to discuss the comments. Hopefully they make sense, they should track with our conversations-have a good

weekend-Melissa

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